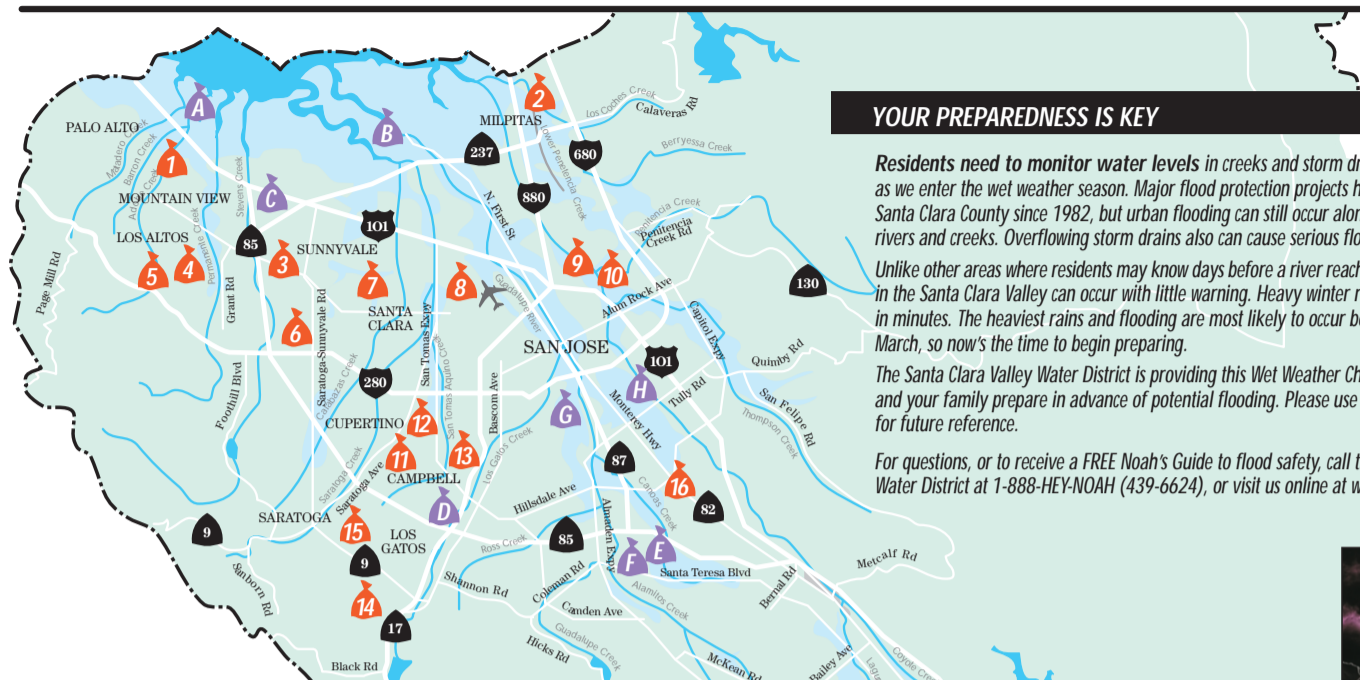


are you ready?



YOUR PREPAREDNESS IS KEY

Residents need to monitor water levels in creeks and storm drains near their homes as we enter the wet weather season. Major flood protection projects have been completed in Santa Clara County since 1982, but urban flooding can still occur along other portions of the rivers and creeks. Overflowing storm drains also can cause serious flooding.

Unlike other areas where residents may know days before a river reaches flood stage, flooding in the Santa Clara Valley can occur with little warning. Heavy winter rains can cause flooding in minutes. The heaviest rains and flooding are most likely to occur between December and March, so now's the time to begin preparing.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is providing this Wet Weather Checklist to help you and your family prepare in advance of potential flooding. Please use it now, and keep it for future reference.

For questions, or to receive a FREE Noah's Guide to flood safety, call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 1-888-HEY-NOAH (439-6624), or visit us online at www.valleywater.org.

A SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT SANDBAG STATIONS

(FILLED SANDBAGS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS, 7 DAYS A WEEK)

- A Palo Alto • 1925 Embarcadero Road, adjacent to Palo Alto Air Terminal
- B Alviso • Northeast corner of Gold and Catherine streets
- C Mountain View • Creek access road on Moffett Boulevard, next to PG&E substation near the intersection of U.S. 101 and Highway 85
- D Campbell • Central Fire Department station, 485 Sunnyoaks Avenue
- E San Jose • Santa Clara Valley Water District Winfield Warehouse, 5905 Winfield Boulevard, between Blossom Hill Road and Coleman Avenue
- F San Jose • Water district's administration building, 5750 Almaden Expressway, one block south of Blossom Hill Road
- G San Jose • Parking lot next to Franciscan Press near Lelong and Willow streets, just west of Highway 87
- H San Jose • City Central Service Yard, 1661 Senter Road at Phelan Avenue
- I Morgan Hill • El Toro Fire Station, 18300 Old Monterey Road, next to the Union Pacific Railroad overpass above Monterey Highway
- J San Martin • County South Yard, 13600 Murphy Avenue (Monday through Friday and during flood emergencies only)

1 OTHER SOURCES OF UNFILLED SANDBAGS

Most sites are open all day - bring your own shovel

- 1 Palo Alto • Greer Park, 1098 Amarillo Avenue, Colorado Street at West Bayshore Road (650) 496-6974 After hours: (650) 329-2413
- 2 Milpitas • City Corporation Yard, 1265 North Milpitas Boulevard (408) 586-2640 Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 3 Mountain View • Public Services, 231 N. Whisman Road (650) 903-6329 After hours: (650) 903-6395
- 4 Los Altos • Municipal Service Center, 707 Fremont Avenue (650) 948-0482 Mon. - Sun. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- 5 Los Altos Hills • City Service Center, 27500 Purissima Road (650) 941-7222 No after hours
- 6 Cupertino • City Corporation Yard, 10555 Mary Avenue (408) 777-3269 No after hours
- 7 Sunnyvale • Corporation Yard, 221 Commercial Street (408) 730-7510 After hours: (408) 730-7180
- 8 Santa Clara • City Corporation Yard, 1700 Walsh Avenue (408) 615-3080 After hours: (408) 615-5640
- 9 San Jose • County East Yard, 1505 Schallenberger Road (408) 299-3446 After hours: (408) 299-2507
- 10 San Jose • City Main Yard, 1404 Mabury Road (408) 277-4373 No after hours
- 11 San Jose • County West Yard, 11030 Doyle Road (408) 252-6427 No after hours
- 12 San Jose • City West Yard, 5090 Williams Road (408) 277-4373 No after hours
- 13 San Jose • City South Yard, 4420 Monterey Road, at Skyway Drive (408) 277-4373 No after hours
- 14 Los Gatos/Monte Sereno • Service Center, 41 Miles Avenue (408) 399-5770 After hours: (408) 354-8600 (Monte Sereno citizens pick up at Los Gatos site)
- 15 Saratoga • Service Center, 19700 Allendale Avenue, near Post Office (408) 868-1245 No after hours
- 16 Campbell • 290 South Dillon Avenue (408) 866-2145 Mon. - Fri. 7 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- 17 Morgan Hill • City Corporation Yard, 100 Edes Court (408) 776-7333 No after hours
- 18 Gilroy • Fire Station, 7070 Chestnut Street at Tenth Street (408) 846-0444 No after hours



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MAP LEGEND

- Creeks, rivers and reservoirs
- Flood prone areas
- Sandbag pickup locations
- Ongoing sandbag pickup locations

WET WEATHER CHECKLIST

- ☐ **Flood Insurance** Renters, homeowners and business owners can purchase flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program. (Normal coverage does not cover flooding.) It can take 30 to 60 days.
- ☐ **Flood-Prone?** Check the map above to see if your home or workplace is subject to flooding. Also talk to neighbors and insurance carrier. Practice evacuating to higher ground.
- ☐ **Elderly/Disabled** Alert neighbors to any special needs that family members have due to age or disability, in case they're home alone during a flood. Provide a list with family contact numbers, doctor's name, any special medications.
- ☐ **Family Contacts** Post family emergency numbers by each phone and see that all family members carry a card with these numbers in their wallet or backpack. Pick a "check-in contact" for family to phone, preferably outside the Bay Area or out of state.
- ☐ **Inventory** Update your list of personal belongings. Store all vital documents in a safe deposit box or on a second floor.
- ☐ **Meeting Place** Pick a safe location near your home where family members can meet if they become separated and a second location on high ground outside your neighborhood in case it floods.
- ☐ **Pets** Put identification tags on all pets in case gates blow open or fences blow down. Even taping your phone and address to their collar will last for weeks. Wet fur increases the chill factor, so do not leave pets outside or tied up during a storm—prepare a place inside.
- ☐ **Radio** Keep extra batteries and a battery-operated radio on hand. Tape a list of local news radio stations to it that report Santa Clara County road and weather conditions.
- ☐ **Roofs/Gutters** Make sure your roof, windows, rain gutters and drainage system can handle heavy rain. Tarp or seed unplanted slopes.
- ☐ **Sandbags** Call the Santa Clara Valley Water District at 1-888-HEY-NOAH (1-888-439-6624) to find out about free sandbags, how to use them and how to dispose of them.
- ☐ **Storage** Prepare to store valuables on higher shelves or on a second story. Move stored furniture as high as possible, as well as garden and pool supplies.
- ☐ **Storm Drains** Keep the top of the storm drains near your home free of leaves and other debris.
- ☐ **Vehicles/RVs** Prepare to move vehicles, RVs and boats to higher ground.

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